(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any other scheme for inservice training of teachers is under consideration of Government; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) A plan for the inservice education to the primary school teachers through distance education in co-operation with UNESCO, International Telecommunication Union (tTU) and the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat and also Department of Telecommunication is being implemented by the Government.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The collaborative project is to be operationalised in selected districts of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. The project uses interactive television mode in combination with other modes of distance education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) is the nodal agency for the project.

(e) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan provides for regular inservice training for all teachers.

Suspension of KVS Employees of Bhopal Region

975. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of circumstances under which employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, placed under suspension, are attached to other Vidyalayas of Bhopal Region;

(b) the details of employees placed under suspension during 2000-2001; and

(c) the details of employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bhopal Region placed under the suspension during the above period who have not been attached to other Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Only one employee of kendriya Vidyalaya

under the jurisdiction of Bhopal Region, was placed under suspension. He was attached to Kendriya Vidyalaya Burkuhi in the interest of students as well as KVS to avoid disgrace to all concerned as the activities indulged by him at Bhopal was vitiating the atmosphere of the Vidyalaya. His suspension has since been revoked with effect from 1st November, 2001.

(c) Does not arise.

Awards for literacy work in A.P.

976. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts which received special awards for literacy work in Andhra Pradesh in 2000-2001;

(b) the names of districts in the State which received awards for literacy work in 1999-2000;

(c) the criteria for assessing such work by the district authorities;

(d) whether the awards are given to individual officers; and

(e) the details of such awards, etc. given by the Literacy Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" for performing commendably in the field of adult literacy.

(b) No district of Andhra Pradesh has received any award for literacy work in 1999-2000.

(c) The criteria for selection of West Godavari by the National Literacy Mission was increase in overall literacy rate including female literacy during the decade 1991—2001, as per Census, 2001 (Provisional).

(d) The awards are given to the best performing districts.

(e) In the year 2001, the following awards were given by National Literacy Mission:

(1) Decadal Achievement Awards.